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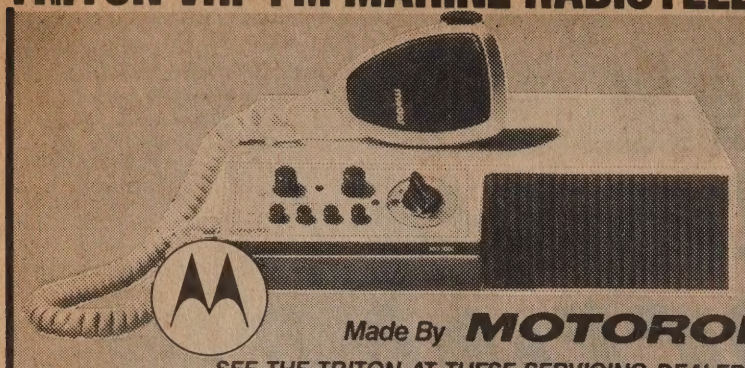

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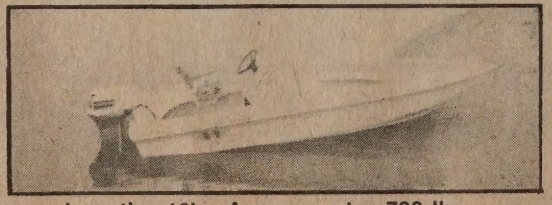

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Nick Derrico, center, Captain of the "Quaglio" and crew members Frank Coburn and Vincent Viniuocci with part of one day's catch—tuna from 8-12 football size to an occasional 20 to 40 pounder. Fish were taken in 130 feet of water Southeast of Fire Island Inlet. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle, Babylon.

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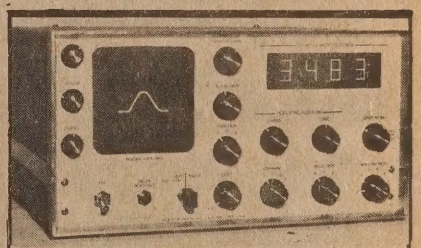

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2. Vito Orlando, 14 Long Leaf Lane, Medford, N.Y.—Striped Bass 44 lbs. 15 oz., Jones Beach 44 15/16 pts.
3. Sal Caccavale, 26 Carto Circle, Deer Park, N.Y.—Striped Bass 41 lbs. 4 oz., Cedar Beach 41 4/16 pts.

From the pier:
1. Bob Horan, 325 52 Street, Lindenhurst, N.Y.—Blackfish 6 lbs. 13 oz., Robert Moses 20 7/16 pts.
2. Susan Steinle, 233 Cherry St., Farmingdale, N.Y.—Bluefish 6 lbs. 9 oz., Captree 19 11/16 pts.
3. Mary O'Donnell, 132 E. Carmans Road, Farmingdale, N.Y.—Bluefish 6 lbs. 7 oz., Captree 19 5/16 pts.

From the boat:
1. Sal Alfano, 58-36 60 Lane, Maspeth,N.Y.—Fluke 8 lbs. 12 oz., Capt. S. Joseph 26 4/16 pts.
2. Val Cortez, 5 Fairfield Cir., Brentwood, N.Y.—Weakfish 8 lbs. 4 oz., Capt. G. Tweedy 24 12/16 pts.
3. Mary Sullivan, 59-24 56 Street, Maspeth, N.Y.—Bluefish 7 lbs. 13 oz., Capt. R. Leitch 23 7/16 pts.

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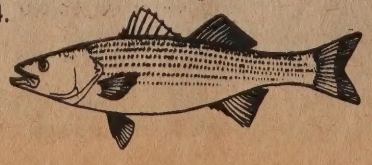
7. Nantucket Sportsmen's Club, Mass.—771
8. Blackstone Valley Striper Club, R.I.—730
9. Norwich Striper Club, Conn.—712
10. Woonsocket Striper Club, R.I.—664.



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SURFMEN RESPOND

In response to your editorial I spent the weekend hammering at my typewriter. Enclosed is a brief manuscript, concerning surf fishing, that I hope you will find suitable for use in your publication. Frank W. Reiser, Oceanside, N.Y. 11572

(Surfmen Respond—letter # 2)

I have enjoyed your paper for many years. I read your editorial in the July 11, issue and being a surf fisherman decided to write in response to your offer to print such articles.

I enjoy all kinds of fishing but mainly from the surf. I am 43 years old and have fished the surf for about 25 years. The largest bass to date was a 55'14" striper that I caught in the Gilgo surf last fall that won second place in the Jones Beach State Park contest. I have caught many other large stripers through the years. I am not fussy as to how I catch them because I enjoy fishing both top and bottom.

I have fished the surf from Long Island to Cape Cod with results all along the way, but feel many of us, especially beginners, often neglect the beaches right under their noses. In the last five or six years more large bass have been caught from our beaches here on Long Island than anywhere else. Most of them gain little publicity because they are caught by the regulars. When I say regulars, I don't mean experts or sharpies. I think those two lables are misleading to the newer surfmen. I like to use the terms of "experienced" or "persistent", favoring the latter. The beginner is often misled by expecting more action then he gets. Little does he know of the fishless nights most of us put in now and then. Persistence is the key to success, coupled by some basic knowledge of the stripers' feeding habits.

Many a beginner is dazzled and perplexed when he enters a tackle store for the first time and is confronted with the tremendous selection of plugs and tins. I prefer to use a few of the time-tested ones, and to use them with efficiency rather than loads of plugs and tins that I do not know how to present. Being able to read the surf is important and is something that the beginner often neglects, only because no one will part with the information.

I use a beach buggy now, but caught as many fish when I was hoofing it. I might not have been as comfortable then, but I caught more of the details and was able to hear a bass slapping his tail in the dark when charging into a school of baitfish.

To sum it all up, I feel more should be written about the basics and less about secret spots and sharpies and regulars. If you feel I have something to offer your readers, I shall be happy to write such articles. Knute Habl, Brentwood, N.Y.

Our thanks to Messrs. Habl and Reiser. They have responded to our editorial, as we had hoped a few sportsmen would.

Mr. Reiser's article is entitled "Ballooning for Bass", and we have tentatively scheduled it for issue number 29 (8/1/74). If Mr. Habl's proposed articles (yes, he indeed has something to offer our readers) are as well-written and thoughtful as was his letter, The Fisherman should be scheduling something from him, also, in the near future.

What happened to the many complaining surfmen? We have not yet received any copy from them. Oh, well. Now we'll be accused of being pro-surf and anti-boat.

MORE GRIPES

How can you possibly hope to effect solidarity amongst fishermen by sniping at shooters and hunters through the N.R.A. The N.R.A. is a fine organization that represents shooters of all kinds and does not sell guns. What's "at stake" between tackle manufacturers and gun manufacturers is an inuendo that I can't fathom.

How would you like to read Mr. Millus article to a Rod & Gun Club where most support for fishing and hunting measures must originate?

You have a fine little magazine but from time to time you get writers who can't seem to hide their "anti gun" feeling. In my opinion this is a sure way to hurt both sports. I fish (surf, salt and fresh water) and hunt, and so do most of my buddies, that's why such an article seems so stupid to me.

Hoping for the continuance of your fine little paper (in a neutral capacity) and the betterment of both sports, I remain, Yours truly, John Brady, Richmond Hill Rod & Gun Club.

after receiving Mr. Brady's letter, we had to go back and reread "Power to the Fisherman" by Don Millus [Issue 25, 7/4/74] because it seemed Mr. Brady had read an article other than the one we published. In any event, it seems the points the author tried to make were completely missed, and perhaps they should be spelled out:

1. There is one heck of a lot of fishermen.

2. Fishermen are totally neglected, or are considered insignificant to contend with, by newspapers, governmental agencies at all levels, and entertainment-providers such as television networks [how many watched American Sportsman after it became an exposure-device for celebrities in all areas of human endeavor other than fishing or hunting?].

3. There is one heck of a lot of hunters and riflemen.

4. Hunters and riflemen are a power to be reckoned with because they have organized their strengths through the National Rifle Association, therefore, they can make their positions known and felt—through their unity—to people and agencies that count.

5. The NRA is not bad.

6. What is at stake between gun and tackle manufacturers is that if guns are outlawed, hunters won't be allowed to hunt; if aquatic and marine habitat is lost, fishermen won't be able to fish. In these cases, the tie-in is no guns sold to private citizens who can't own guns, and no fishing tackle sold to fishermen who have no place to fish.

If this is deemed "anti-gun" feeling, someone hasn't understood Millus' article. Incidentally, both the publisher and editor hunt. Now, a couple of other points for Mr. Brady to ponder:

1. In the same issue, on page 12, is Doc Muller's questionnaire on marine ecology. Did you, and all the members of the Richmond Hill Rod & Gun Club, fill-out the questionnaire and return it to us? We'd like to know the answer to that.

2. Most support for fishing and hunting measures must originate from somewhere, but I'm not so sure that that "somewhere" is rod and gun clubs.

There is no place in the universe in which species can survive without the proper environment, yet the battle against environmental [habitat] destruction is being borne by such groups as SOBA, SBF, SC—environmental groups, not R&G Clubs—who are putting up one whale of a fight.

Once the proper environment is secure, someone else steps in to determine what the hunting and fishing regulations are. Remember, though: no

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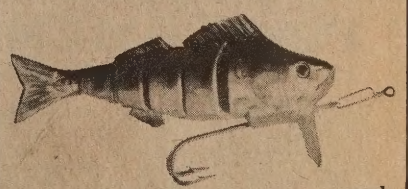

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Fluking Good~ by Bernard Schwartz

It was too many years ago that I was a man of leisure. Fishing was all I cared for and planned to do. Please realize I wasn't married at the time: marriage was frowned upon at the age of fifteen or sixteen. I had a small rowboat with a 7½ horse power motor and as soon as school would be let out I'd be down to sea in my yacht.

Except for the fish I used myself, all the fish caught would be sold. Perhaps you could say I was commercial fishing. The fish caught paid for my gas, oil, bait, tackle and the upkeep of the boat. Sometimes I would even have a little left over for the ladies. I was precocious in those days.

I had the time of my life. No major responsibility, plenty of free time and the only worry was the weather. I believe everyone should have at least a year of such activity and pleasure before the world caves in on him (wife, babies, children, job, mother-in-law and other sundry items of life).

My favorite fishing (I have many) was and is fluke fishing. It can be a lazy way to an enjoyable day. Drifting down the edge of sand bars off Coney Island and Sea Gate would be great. There were plenty of fish and the right tides would bring in enough for a decent payday. I never pushed my luck though; when I had all I thought I could sell on my route I'd quit fishing and come in.

Typical of a day during fluke season was an early rise to catch bait. Along the jetties of Coney Island would be small schools of spearing and shiners, and with the help of another fisherman they would be netted and shared. As soon as possible they would be placed on the ten cent piece of ice in the old butter tub.

Remember the wooden butter tubs? They were the greatest for holding bait cold because the wood insulated so well. Now, of course, we have the styrofoam cold boxes which do as good a job, but you can't knock them about as much.

Dawn would be cracking as we netted the bait. There is a special smell on a beach at dawn. The coolness of the night leaves a distinctive atmosphere as the sun comes up. There are really great beach smells. The tide, especially low tide, leaves the rocks partially uncovered and the smell of the mussels and sea grass, wet sand, and salt water is pure pleasure. I don't know how to describe the actual smell of a beach at dawn, but it's clean, cool, and usually you are alone.

After netting the bait—or, because of weather and tide conditions, buying it—I'd shove the little boat off the beach and commence drifting just outside the rocks and buoys set up for the swimming public. There were regular spots where fluke seem to congregate, usually just toward the lee side of the rips created by the stone jetties. The sun was rising rather rapidly now, accompanied by a cool, slight breeze. The water was light green over the shallows and a darker, heavier green as it deepened. Blackness of underwater mussel-covered stone showed through as you drifted past the ends of the stone piles, and, best of all, the sharpness of a fairly decent fluke against the arching rod...

When the tide was slow and wind conditions light, the drift would be poor. Fluke fishing would fall off rather drastically. Then I would try trolling for fluke. I'd rig a small trolling sinker ahead of a long-leadered fluke hook and slowly drag this along the bottom.

Of course, I would have bait on the hook; a strip of squid and a spearing hooked just through the eyes. If you tried to double-hook the bait so it would stay on the hook better it would spin and make the leader twist. Then the hook and leader would twist up the line. It's a common fault, and good fluke fishermen always check their baits to see they aren't spinning.

The squid should be cut in a long tapering triangle and hooked just once near the wide end so it doesn't bunch or twist.

Anyone stands a better chance to catch fluke if he can present the bait better. This is a standard rule of a good fisherman. Whenever you see one man catching most of the fish you will note he has a definite way of hooking his bait. Presented properly, you have the edge over the sloppy fisherman, therefore any bait used should lay as natural as possible in the water. If you use this rule, I can almost guarantee better catches.

There were stone jetties jutting out into the sea about every two or three hundred yards and the bait would pocket up on the lee side of these jetties. Spearing, shiners, sand eels and other small baitfish were plentiful. You could see them as you trolled along, scattered by the bow of your boat. Boat? Actually, a small beat-up flat-bottomed rowboat of at least twelve magnificent feet long.

It was generally very early in the morning and the life guards and people would be something to watch for later. Outgoing tide and an offshore wind was a big help because it would be impossible to work in the few feet of water while the surf was high. I really do not advise trying this when it's rough. I'd run the boat in very close to shore, usually into two or three feet of water.

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More than once I had to jump out of the boat and push the boat off the beach.

Anyway, back at the ranch: I generally used two rods at a time, each rod having two fluke hooks attached to the trolling lead. The hooks I used in those days were 5/0 Carlisles on a three-foot leader, with one hook tied in the middle of the other, sort of tandem style. Both hooks would be baited with strips of squid and spearing, or if the fishing was exceptional, with a strip of fluke belly and spearing. The fluke belly because it was tough and didn't have to be changed so often.

The spearing was the kicker, though. Sometimes a fluke would bite short and take part of the bait. If he got part of the spearing he generally would follow it up. I watched them do that hundreds of times. Oh, didn't I tell you? The water was so shallow when I fished this way, and my hooks so close to the boat, I could see the baits as I trolled along.

The motor would be controlled by my knees as I stood up and faced aft. I'd be holding both rods, one in each hand, and watching the baits in the water. Generally it would be hard to see the fluke themselves, but when a bait disappeared you knew one had the hook. You didn't even have to feel him hit.

Many times all four baits would disappear as I would hit a pocket of fish. I would drop one of the rods, place my foot on it to keep it from going overboard, start to reel in the other rod, and at the same time try to steer the boat off the beach with my knees. Don't let me tell you it wasn't exciting. As I've said before, more than once I had to push the boat off the beach.

Drifting for fluke under normal conditions is generally a very relaxing and pleasurable way to fish. A slow, warm, drifty day, with a pleasant breeze so it's not too warm, really makes for memorable times. You know...a can of beer, a fairly calm day, a lazy drift and thou... sort of memorable time. (Shades of the Rubiat.)

The last time I took a girl fishing for fluke she would have written...a green face, a nauseous stomach, a miserable time, and thou. That same girl today fishes every time she can. The only thing is, she married someone else.

Meanwhile, as before, back at the ranch...

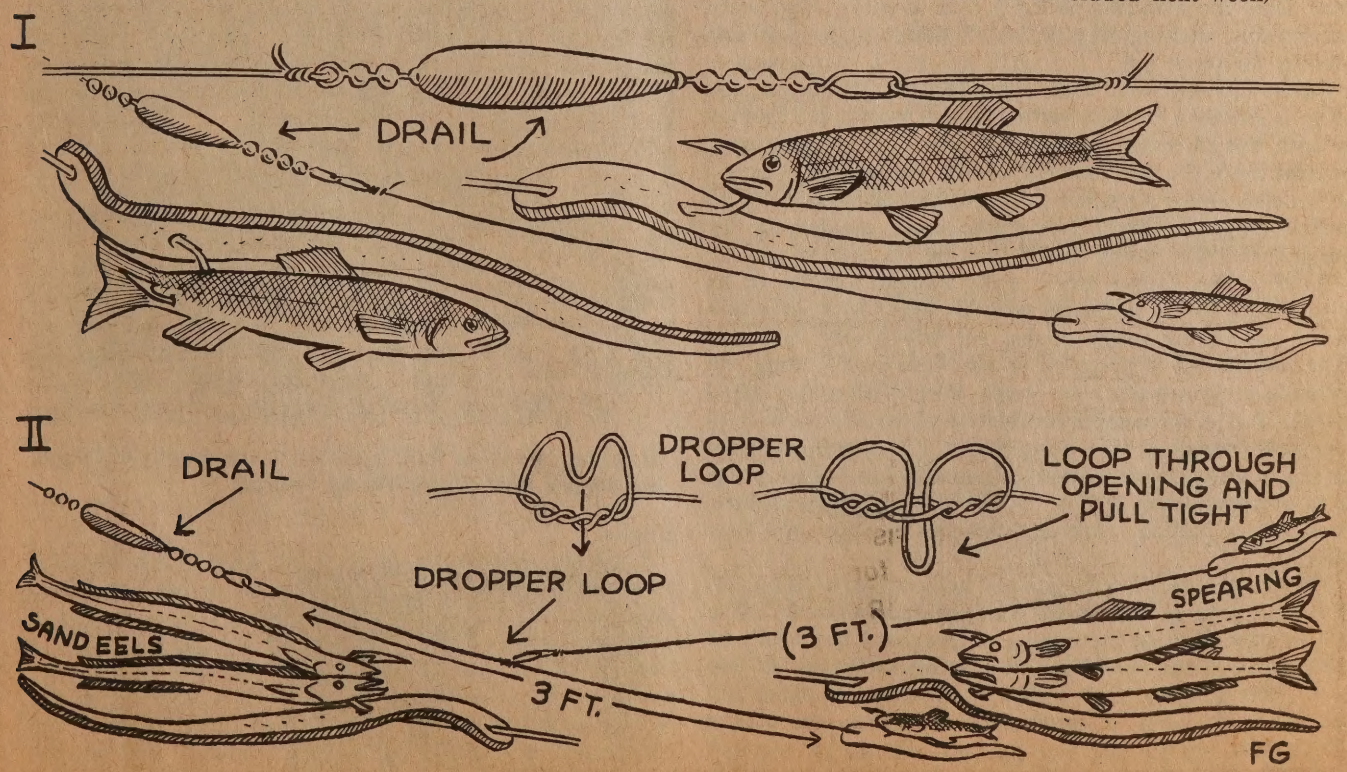
Fluke are really lazy feeders, generally burying themselves in the sand along the edge of sand bars with good tidal action.

They also seem to follow a regular pattern as they swim along. From the experience I have fishing for them, I feel they move along on a path concurrent with the shape of the bottom. If wind and tide are such that you can drift along the path they seem to be traveling, you will catch many fluke. Sometimes you cross the path on a drift and pick up one or two fish. As you drift further on the bites stop. Then it becomes a matter of going over the path again and again, picking a fish or two almost every time you cross it. Perhaps thirty or forty drifts later, when you are ready to quit for the day, you will have thirty or forty fish.

When I cross the path or area in which the fluke seem congregated I rarely ever drift more than a hundred or so yards. Realize it's better to drift over known productive grounds than make long drifts for long times with very little cutting of paths involved.

Of course, there are times the fish seem spread out all over the place. When that happens, and it is quite rare, anybody can catch fish. Otherwise, it takes a little skill and quite a bit of patience to catch many fluke.

(To be concluded next week)



PORGIES

by Scott Simons

The porgy found in the waters of Long Island is one of the many members of the family *Sparidae*, and ranks as one of the scrappiest little fish you can take on light tackle. Known in textbooks as the Norhtern Porgy, and in fish markets as the Northern Scup, it is an excellent food fish that is in great demand, often costing nearly $1.50 a pound in the local fish market. When the porgies are running hot and heavy a catch of 50 pounds or more per angler is not unusual, so wives may be easily shown, monetarily, why they should allow you to spend at least one day a week filling the family freezer with porgies.

Once found in fantastic numbers along the shores of Long Island, heavy commercial and pleasure fishing and natural cycles drastically reduced the population during the early '60's. Many fishermen feared that the porgy would disappear from our waters, as did the Sheepshead Porgy, but fortunately they have shown a slow and steady recovery during recent years, to the point where they have nearly attained their former prominence.

The larger porgies of three of five pounds are often referred to as "humpbacks" or "sea porgies", and the smaller fish are known as "sand porgies". They are a schooling fish and seem to prefer a smooth bottom, which is often an aide to fishermen in locating them. Porgies are strictly bottom feeders, enjoying crustaceans, clams, squid, worms, and sand-dollars as their daily fare.

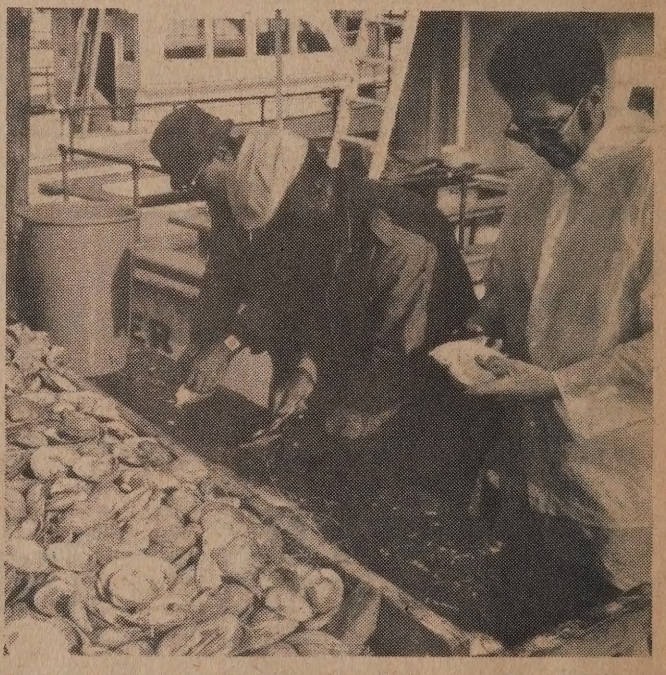
The porgy spawns from May to August, chiefly in June; the adult does not feed during spawning, which may account for the sudden lull in fishing shortly after their appearance in May. Once the spawning period is over, however, they again eat greedily, making August and September the two best months for these fish.

Rarely straying more than a few feet off the bottom, the porgy is strictly a bottom-feeding fish. A variety of rigs may be used, but all should be bottom-oriented. One of the most popular rigs is the two-hook bottom rig. The bottom hook is 4 or 5 inches above the sinker, with the second hook 12 to 15 inches above the first. This is the most *popular* rig for porgies...now I'm going to tell you the *best* rig to use.

I call it the "porgy tree", aptly named because of its resemblance to the mackerel tree. To begin with, let's talk about purchasing porgy hooks. All hooks sold in tackle departments as "porgy" hooks have one thing in common...they are much too large. Porgies have very small mouths and are accomplished bait stealers, second only to the lowly bergall in this department. The combination of these two traits makes it close to impossible to hook a porgy on an oversized hook. If your hooks are too large you will be constantly rebaiting, with but few fish to show for your efforts.

Personally, I use No.1 Eagle Claw hooks that I snell myself. This hook is large enough for the biggest humpback, while still small enough for the small sand porgies. I buy hooks by the box of 100 and use 40 lb. test limp monofilament for the snell. After tying the hook I allow 6 to 8 inches of leader and cut. When the hook is attached to the porgy tree with a Clinch knot you end up with a short stiff leader about 4 inches long that stands straight out from the rig; it won't get tangled.

There are many open boats that fish for porgies for those who don't own their own boats.



Three anglers clean their catch after a good day of fishing for porgies aboard the Viking Skipper.

The porgy tree itself is simple to tie. I use four hooks...not to catch 4 at a clip but rather to allow me to lose 2 or 3 baits to fish and still have a chance of hooking one — instead of pulling up empty hooks and wasting precious time. Cut a piece of 40 lb. limp mono about 42" long; after you tie your knots your rig will be about 36" long. Tie a large loop at one end for your sinker and attach a small barrel swivel to the other end with a clinch knot. Make a "Figure 8" knot about 4 inches above the sinker and 4 inches below the swivel. Pull

all knots tight. Tie two more "Figure 8" knots at equal distances between these two. Above each knot tie one of the hooks with a Clinch knot. After pulling the Clinch knot snug, slide it down the leader until it stops at the Figure 8 knot; this knot will keep stop the hook from sliding further down the leader. It is important that after you tie the hooks to the rig their leaders are no more than 4 or 5 inches long. This will keep the hooks standing straight out from the main leader. The effect will be to give the rig branches; thus — the "porgy tree".

Your next concern is bait. Second in importance to small hooks is equally small pieces of bait. The smaller the better. If you use large pieces of bait the porgies will simply peck at them and tear them off your hooks as fast as you can bait up. But if you use small pieces, about 1" long and ¼" wide, the porgies will grab your bait in their mouths in one piece. They'll still clean your hooks with remarkable consistency, but every trip down to the bottom will be followed by one or two porgies coming up.

Your best bait is undoubtably the skimmer clam. Lacking skimmer clams due to the bait shortage, squid or worms will do. Sea conch (*scungelli*), which may be purchased in most fish stores, make an excellent alternative to clams as it has the same appearance as a clam but is tough as leather.

Whatever bait you are using should be threaded as many times as possible on your hook. Avoid any part of your bait sticking out that will afford the porgy an opportunity to grab and rip the bait off. Keep the point visible, not hidden in the bait.

Many people you see fishing for porgies will be using conventional tackle. You'll also see people anchoring for fluke, with an occasional trendsetter trolling, so forget conventional tackle just because you see others using it.

My personal recommendation: a one-handed heavy-action spinning outfit, loaded with 12 or 15 pound test mono, is the only porgy outfit made. The porgy is extremely fast at rapping your bait, and you need the sensitivity offered only by light tackle to feel his raps quickly enough to react and set the hook. In fact, the second you think a porgy is even smelling your bait, you should attempt to set the hook. If you wait until you feel 3 or 4 sharp taps before trying to set the hook, your bait will be gone.

The most effective method for catching porgies is to anchor and chum. Crushed mussels or clams lowered to the bottom in a weighted burlap bag or onion bag will do the job, or you can scatter crushed mussels or the shells from the skimmer clams you have shucked around the boat. Another effective method of chumming is to fill a chum pot with either bunker chum or clam bellies.

Chumming for porgies from anchor in protected areas such as the Peconic Bays is usually no problem, but when you get into places such as Montauk Point you may run into difficulty. The large humpback porgies are taken at Montauk in the Great Eastern area where the water is 45 to 60 feet in depth and runs strongly; it becomes almost impossible to hold bottom while anchored, so you may have to pull the hook and drift until the tide begins to ebb. Or you can move in closer to the south side of the point, where the water is only 20 to 30 feet deep, and drift for the smaller, medium sized fish. What the porgies lack in size here is more than made up for by quantity, and there is no reason in the world to anchor and chum when you can catch them while drifting as fast as you can crank a reel.

Somewhere along the line the porgy acquired a poor reputation as table fare. My second recommendation is that you go out porgy fishing, catch a few, eat a few, then make up your own mind.

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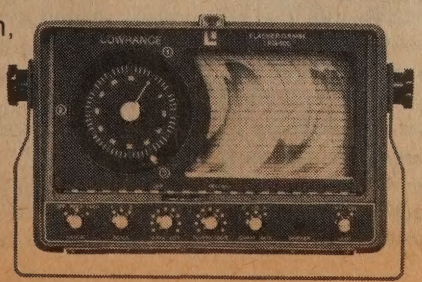

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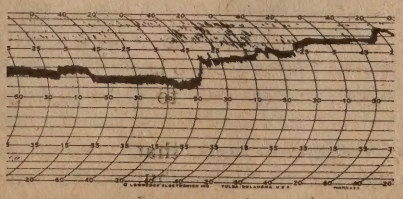

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BAY BUM:

In Search of the Fruits of the Bay

Part II

by Tom Franza

Greetings, Pilgrim, your search has ended! Once again your hunger has led you to the pages of **The Fisherman.** Here you will find that your hungering for all your carnal appetites will be satiated, at least those which can be discussed in public, anyway.

The finny fellows that inhabit out local bays provide the average fisherman with numerous excuses to get out on the water. It is when your wife and kids decide to make a family picnic out of what was originally intended to be an extremely private affair that problems arise.

Granted, family fishing trips can be great fun—provided no one is very serious about the number of fish caught. If, however, you want a sackful so as to restock your freezer at home, I suggest you sneak off quietly by yourself. Take only one or two friends with you and, with some fisherman's luck, you should do quite well.

One favor, though; never take more than you and your family can realistically use. Nothing is more upsetting than seeing a tub filled with dead fish left to rot on the dock because the clown who pulled them in had no use for them. You don't have to stop fishing when you reach your limit; just release any others that you might catch after that point.

Certain types of fishing lend themselves to family outings better than others. When dealing with young children, it is best to go after a prolific species such as the flounder. No matter what the age, when you have a boatful, bottom fishing is a lot easier and a heck of a lot safer. In fact, any bottom fishing where you can lie anchored in the sheltered waters of some cove and have a picnic is fine for the whole family.

Casting or shooting back and forth to fish on the drift, when combined with a general family outing, can only result in total confusion, mass mayhem, and a near-divorce. There is just too much going on at once to worry about who needs a wash rag because the peanut butter and jelly leaked out of the sandwich and onto the deck, or who knocked the can of soda over and into the mustard. These problems are indeed left for quieter times.

If you are a regular reader of **The Long Island Fisherman**, you should be well aware of the numerous species which inhabit our bays at various times during the fishing season. If you are not a regular reader and this is your first issue, just think of everything you have missed and get with it. Back to the fish...

I will leave the discussion of how to catch them to my fellow writers and to your local bait dealer. Instead, this article is merely meant to serve as a review of what to look for and what to do with the fish after you catch them.

The first fellow to show up in the bays is the winter flounder. This fellow, as I mentioned earlier, is excellent for teaching small children about the joys of fishing. Even though he has temporarily left our waters, he will make a strong appearance once again in the fall. His meat provides about the sweetest taste of all of the fishes. Flounders may be simply gutted and cleaned, or if thick enough, they may be filleted. They may be breaded and fried, or seasoned and broiled. You can even stuff and bake 'em.

One of my favorite methods is to season them lightly and broil them in a deep pan with about a quarter of a pound of butter spread under, over and around them. Then take about a half a bottle of white wine and pour it over them while they are cooking. Allow the whole thing to simmer and bubble in its own juices and you have a meal fit for a king.

After the flounders arrive, it is only a short time before the weakfish begin their annual stirrings. Although I have caught them while bottom fishing during the early part of the season, I have found that, later on in the summer, casting a Hopkins or Salty Dog is more effective. One word of caution: They take their name from the structure of their mouths, and that makes having a net on board mandatory. Once they have been brought home, broiling them whole is one of my favorite methods of preparation.

Along with the weaks come what are usually considered the "pests" or "bait stealers" of the bay—sea robins and blowfish. The sea robins are by far the ugliest fish in our bays, except perhaps for the toad fish. When bringing a sea robin aboard, it is best to handle him with a rag as he is extremely slippery and his spines can cause quite a bit of unnecessary pain when jammed into your skin.

Sea robin heads make quite a good soup, I have been told, though their appearance is enough to discourage me from looking into the pot and tasting it. However, I have had their tails floured and fried. If you don't mind picking out a lot of small bones, you will find the meat to be quite tasty.

The sea robin's tail is not quite as good as that of the other pest, the blowfish. Blowfish tails, after the skin has been peeled off, are sold commercially as sea squab, sea chicken, and chicken of the sea. This should give you enough of an idea as to how good they taste.

No one will dispute the taste of the fluke, the blue that is occasionally found in the bay, the frisky snapper, or the striper found in the inlet. These are definitely all among the better known fish and, for that reason, I will not go into them here. Some of the lesser-used species will, instead, receive my attention for the time being.

Surprisingly few people have actually **tried** some of the bay's less popular varieties. They either give them away or use them for bait. One example is the blackfish. These are really quite good and can be caught very easily when bottom fishing around rocks and sunken wrecks or artificial reefs.

Another fish that is held in even lower esteem is the eel. The eel is one of the most delicious fish that you will ever find. Most people, though, find it unappetizing because it is a scavenger and its appearance is certainly lacking any aesthetic appeal. But let's face it, the

crab is a scavenger and certainly no raving beauty, yet he is a highly-prized catch. Maybe some group looking for a cause will sponsor an "Equal Rights for Eels Week."

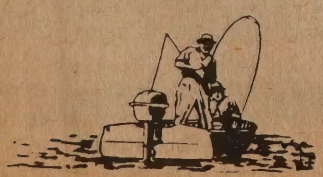
Although I personally don't care for them smoked, eels are out of this world when fried. In addition, they are very easy to catch and are found practically everywhere, especially right outside of creeks and marinas.

There are four things to remember when dealing with eels. They are extremely slimey to the touch, so bring a rag to help you hold them. Second, they usually have to be slammed into unconsciousness, otherwise they have a nasty habit of wriggling around, which is highly reminiscent of a snake on the move. Next, they usually swallow the hook. Don't ever try to disgorge it; instead, merely cut it off and re-rig. Just remember the hook is in there when cleaning the fish, or you might find yourself in for a nasty little surprise. Finally, when cleaning eels, slit off their heads and grab the skin with a pair of pliers. Then peel back in the same fashion as you would when cleaning a blowfish.

Another much-maligned fish that is occasionally found in the bay is the skate. Although he is an extremely strange looking devil, this does not interfere with his taste. A scallop punch applied to the wings is how you prepare the skate for cooking. As a matter of fact, when fried, their taste is almost indistinguishable from that of the regular scallop.

The fruits of the bay may not always be beautiful to look at when first brought on board your boat, but what really matters is how they look on your table and how they taste in your mouth.

Whether extremely well known or relatively unpopular; shellfish or finny fellow; streamlined or squatty—these fellows are in the bay and free for the taking. Take as much as you want, but never more than you can use. Only then will they still be around for our son when his wife complains about her food budget and rising expenses. This is a legacy which we must not fail to pass on to our children. If only for the sheer joy and excitement in catching these...if only for the delightful way they taste.



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Surf Fishing Lures

by Vlad Evanoff

I remember one fall, fishing from a rock jetty at Long Beach with a good surf running. I started using a rigged eel and, just before daybreak, hooked and landed a 19½ pound striped bass. Then, as it started getting lighter, I hooked another striper going 16 pounds, also on an eel. When daylight came I switched to a surface popping plug and hooked and landed a 14 pound bass. After another hour I changed to a metal squid and worked the inshore white water closer to the beach and caught an eight pound striper.

That day I used three different lures to catch four stripers, which is proof enough that the wise surf angler should carry an assortment of lures with him, and try different ones to see what the fish want during a given period.

Here's a rundown on basic surf fishing lures made today, the ones a surf angler needs. That old-time favorite, the metal squid, remains productive at times, and is still being sold in tackle shops and made at home by surf anglers.

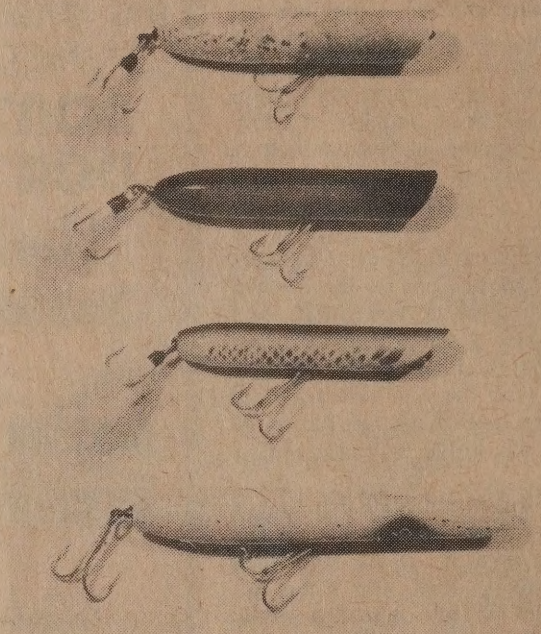
The old-time squids were made from block tin; this type of squid has the advantage of being soft enough to bend to give it additional action or change its action. Today, however, most metal squids are molded or cast from harder metals, and are usually chrome plated. They range from about an ounce to four or five ounces in weight. Metal squids come in small, narrow types that imitate sand eels or spearing in the surf, and in larger, broader styles that simulate herring, small menhaden or bunker and mullet.

Other metal lures include the heavy-spoon types such as the Hopkins, which is made of stainless steel and has a hammered scale finish. It is available in different sizes and weights and comes with a treble hook or single hook, with the treble plain and the single having bucktail hair around it. The Hopkins casts like a bullet, but can also be reeled fast so it travels on top—unlike most metal lures, which work below the surface. This is a big advantage when fishing rocky areas. The Hopkins skims along on the surface and doesn't sink if reeled at a good speed.

Another excellent spoon-type metal lure which takes a lot of fish in the surf is the Kastmaster, made by the Acme Tackle Company. It has a tapered oval shape that gives it an erratic action which gets hits from bass and bluefish.

The biggest striper I ever caught on a metal lure went 35 pounds. I know a few surf anglers have caught 50-pound or better bass on them. But over the years I've found metal lures are best for small and medium-sized fish such as school stripers, bluefish, weakfish, mackerel and bonito. They work best when the surf is fairly rough with plenty of white water, and are essentially a daytime lure. They are also invaluable on days when you have to get way out to reach fish, or when casting against a strong wind.

When plugs were first introduced in surf fishing I started using them. Almost immediately, my score on stripers went up, especially on larger fish and when fishing at night. The early plugs were mostly fresh water models made for bass or muskies. We also used a few tarpon-type plugs made for these fish. But it wasn't until after World War II that plugs really hit the scene, with many sizes, models and types becoming available.



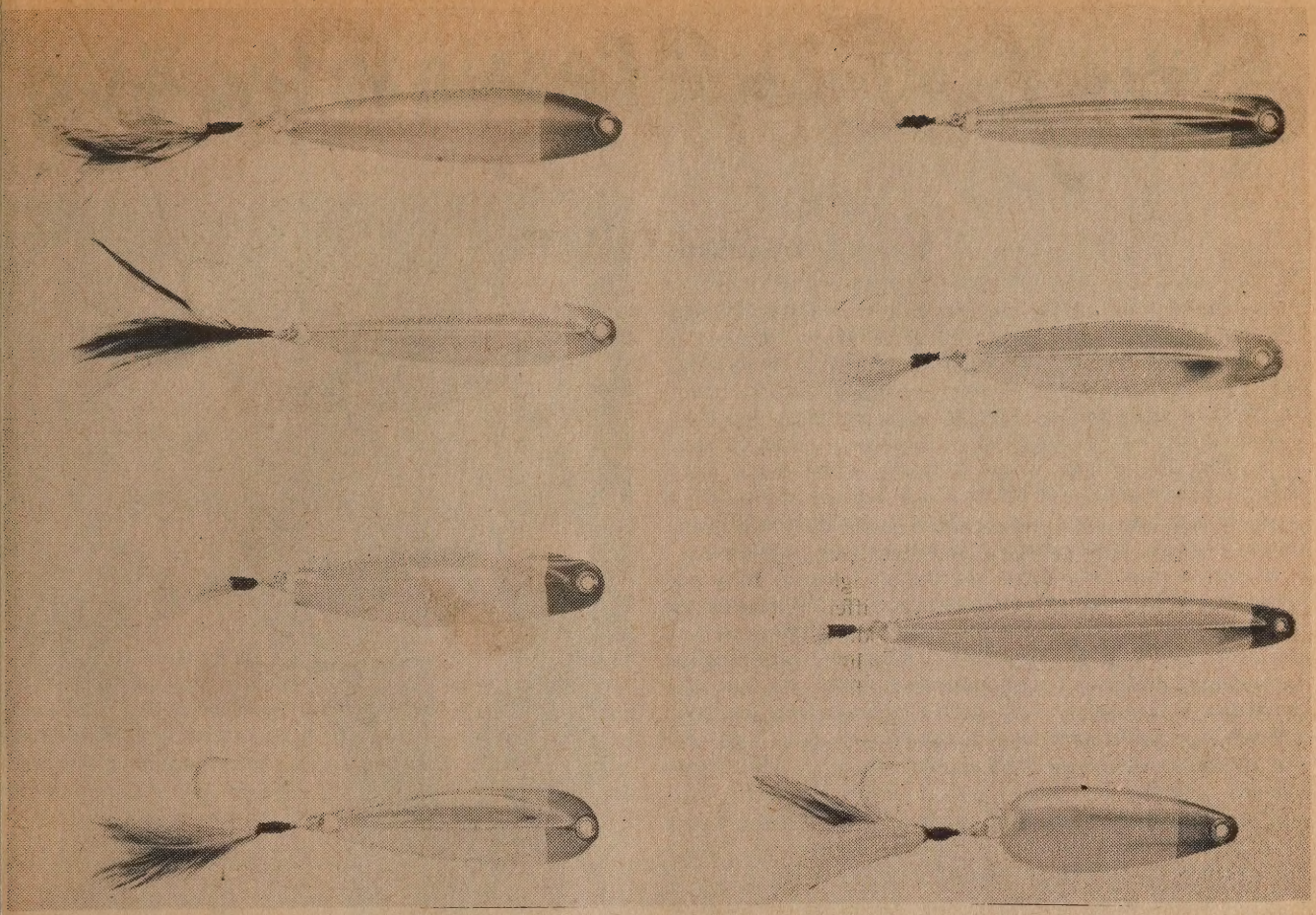
Metal squids are old-time lures, but they still take a lot of fish. These were made by the Diamond Feather Lure Company.

The "flap-tail" plug was one of the first surface types introduced in the Long Beach surf, and proved deadly on stripers feeding on mullet or other surface-swimming baitfish. Here again, the first ones were small, made by Heddon for fresh water fishing, but later on bigger and heavier models appeared commercially, or were made by the surf anglers, themselves.

Then the poppers showed up, and they had no equal when it came to creating a surface commotion which attracted stripers. Now there are many popular models in this plug, such as the Creek Chub Striper Strike, the Atom Striper Swiper, Stan Gibbs Pencil Popper and many other poppers made by other companies.

When Bob Pond introduced his big Atom plug, we had a real killer for big striped bass. Creek Chub also made a surface swimmer called the "Surfster", and others were made by other companies. The Junior Atom, which is a smaller-sized surface swimmer, is still being made and is highly effective for stripers and bluefish.

The first plugs we used in the surf years ago were underwater models—the smaller "Pikies" or somewhat larger ones made for muskies by Creek Chub were the ones usually used. The Heddon underwater plugs made from plastic were also popular. Today Creek Chub makes many larger-sized



Popping plugs like these can be used in the surf when fish are feeding on baitfish.

"Pikies" which are very good for striped bass and big bluefish. The smaller sizes are great for weakfish, school stripers and smaller blues. The more recent types made of balsa wood or light plastic, such as the "Rapala" and "Rebel", are also great plugs, although somewhat light for casting.

Then there is the "darter" type of plug, which is quite versatile and can be made to travel just below the surface when reeled fairly fast. When worked properly it darts from side to side. But it is even more effective at night when worked very slowly on top, barely moving, with regular twitches with the rod tip that creates a ripple on top of the water.

Other underwater types include such plugs as the "Salty Boogie" and the "Mirro-Lure", which have no built-in action but have to be retrieved with constant jerks to make them dart from side to side.

Then, when we discovered rigged eels, we really got a top lure for big striped bass—especially when fishing from the jetties at night or at daybreak and dusk. Rigged eels are still deadly lures, but have largely been replaced by plastic eel such as the Alou, originally created by the late Al Reinfelder. Lou Palma, his partner at the time and a good surf angler, also helped him perfect the plastic eel. It is now made and distributed by the Garcia Corporation and comes in many sizes, from "Shoestrings" a few inches long to big Cow-Killers 18 inches in length. You can also use the smaller plastic eels for weakfish and the larger ones for bluefish. But blues tend to chop up the plastic bodies and they are expensive to use for these fish.

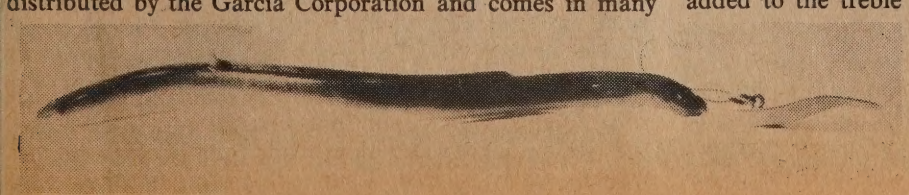
The "Bait Tail", a shorter version of the plastic eel which has a heavy jig head, is also a good surf lure, especially when worked from jetties or breakwaters or down deep in strong currents and tides found at the mouths of inlets.

Other jigs, such as the bucktail, feather and nylon types should also be carried and used for school stripers and weakfish. White and yellow are best for most surf fishing conditions.

Surf anglers also use an occasional combination rig such as the "Splasher Rig". It consists of a short section of dowel or broomstick wood with a nylon leader trailer about 18 inches long behind it, to which is tied a tiny spoon or jig.

You can also take a surface plug and attach a bucktail hook or porkrind ahead of it. Or you can do the same with a Hopkins lure by attaching short droppers holding bucktail hooks or porkrind with hooks ahead of it.

Incidentally, pork rind should be carried at all times to add to metal squids, spoons and jigs; small strips can even be added to the treble hooks of a plug.



The Alou Eel is a great surf lure for striped bass. Weaks and blues like them, too, but blues chew them up quickly.

White Perch~First Cousin to the King

by Dr. William A. Muller

The king of coastal gamefishes in northeast waters has to be the striped bass. But striped bass have a small cousin—white perch—which is overlooked by many anglers, although this fish provides good sport and excellent eating.

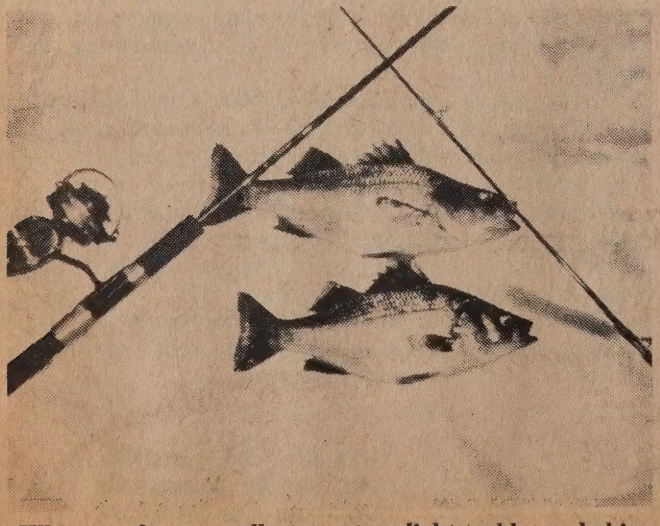
White perch, *Morone americana*, are found in many of the same waters as the striper, *Morone saxatilis*. Both are members of the large group of sea basses, Serranidae, and both species are anadromous. That is, these fish spawn in fresh water but feed in salt water. Actually, white perch are a marine species in spite of the fact that they are also found in landlocked lakes. Their occurence in inland bodies of water results from accidents during past spawning migrations.

Although there are major similarities between bass and white perch, there are also some important differences, the most important of which involves size. Although stripers have been netted as large as 125 pounds, white perch rarely exceed four pounds. In fact, a four-pound perch is a trophy, but then everything is relative, and the percentage of perch over four pounds is probably equivalent to the percentage of bass over sixty pounds. And so, on light tackle, a large perch is none-the-less prized.

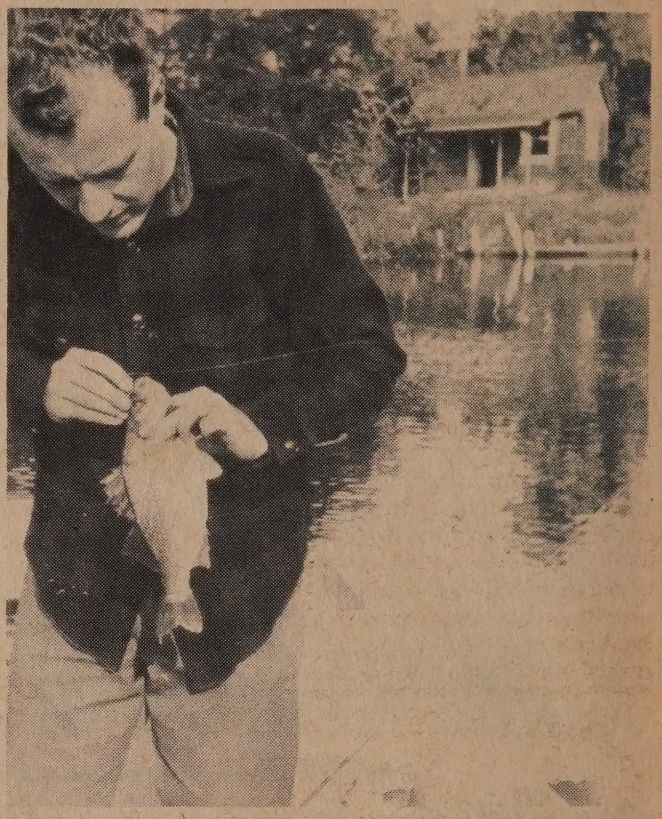
The shape of the body, fins, and head are similar and only an expert can separate the two species as juveniles. Adult bass, however, have a larger mouth, different dorsal fins, and stripes. In salt water the perch tend to vary in color from greenish-bronze to bronze, with a white belly.

White perch are not usually the voracious feeders that striped bass are. They prefer shallow water in tidal creeks during the late spring, summer, and early fall. Their favorite feeding stations are where streams and underground springs empty into creeks. They eat worms, shrimp, minnows, or any small bait. They will readily strike small spoons, like the Johnson's Sprite or Wobble-Rite, when they are retrieved very slowly.

Unlike bass, it has been reported that white perch cannot be overfished because they are so prolific. But the fish are observed to have a cyclical abundance. Like their big cousins, feeding patterns can be irregular and the schools roam their territory, moving from the shallows to deep water with the changing tides and seasons.



White perch are excellent sport on light tackle, and shine on the dinner table, too.



It's always a good idea to have a net along to help land the larger specimens, especially when very light line is used.

Most anglers fish for white perch in the spring when the fish have swarmed into rivers and streams in order to spawn. However, about this time of the year the fish are moving into their summer salt water haunts. I prefer to fish for perch during the late spring and summer in brackish tidal creeks when they are just a bit more sassy and the flesh has lost the hint of oil that the fish often pick up in the rivers.

The angler who wants a shot at the larger specimens should try the backwaters of spring-fed marshes during periods of exceptionally high tides. The big tides are usually driven by northeast storms which push water high onto the boggy, marshy, creek banks. A great wealth of organic matter is covered by the water and bait of all descriptions congregates there to feed. Larger perch somehow sense the phenomena and come out of the deeper water.

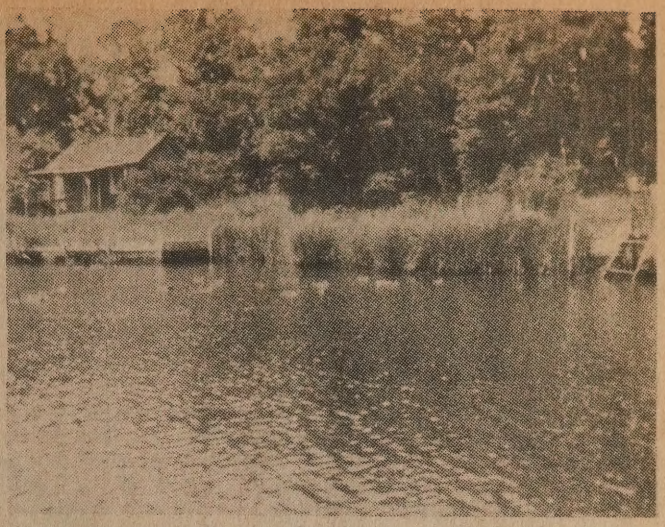
The first experimental fishing trip that produced big perch resulted from cabin fever that built up during seven consecutive stormy days. At the end of the seventh day I couldn't stand any more walking from room to room. We had actually planned some weakfishing but the continuous wind finally ended our hopes for tiderunners. We were leaving that evening and it was now or never.

The rain pelted down on my poncho as I eased the anchor quietly over the side about ten feet off the boggy shore. I watched the marsh grass carefully for signs of feeding fish.

Here and there the perch smashed at baitfish amongst the grass. I made a high, arcing cast with the wind at my back, and aiming my cast carefully so that the strong wind would drop the lure a few feet from the marsh grass, but considerably down-range. A light action, one-handed spinning rod and four-pound test line helped me to deliver the lure on target. I began a slow retrieve, confident that the spoon wiggled enticingly only a foot or so off the bottom.

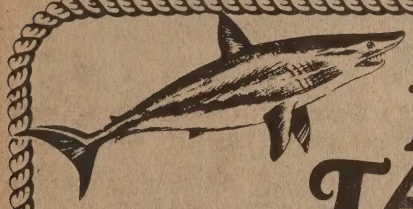
Suddenly the line became very tight. Large perch usually strike without conviction, so the sudden change in weight at the other end of the line was a signal to set the hook. The fish began a characteristic run toward deep water, but the pressure of the drag forced the fish to change direction. Unable to shake the hook, the perch turned its broad body at a right angle to the pressure of the rod. This is a tactic that bass use in a current. Unless another strategy is employed, the angler must move a rather large column of water when he tries to horse the fish towards the boat. This broadside maneuver not only allows a fish to rest, but also allows it to exert a greater counterforce than the fish actually possesses for straight ahead surges.

But perch can usually be distracted from this tactic by changing the angle at which you apply the pressure. The same technique can be used to turn large bass and blues when they have set off on protracted runs. I lowered the rod tip and thrust it into the water. The four pound test line was under a lot of strain. However, the fish responded almost immediately, and, within seconds, was in the net. In one hour of fishing I collected over a dozen fish and all of them were over two pounds, with one fish close to four pounds. Without the boost of the storm the fish average about one pound. I rushed home to show my buddies the unexpected bonanza I'd discovered. The group returned to the spot of my discovery and took fish till sunset.



The typical brackish backwater tidal marsh that harbors good-sized perch during late spring and summer.

Perch are not super-fighters, but they really shine on the dinner table. Even small fish fillet easily and when they are fried the flesh is moist, white, flaky and tender. It's a funny thing, but all the people that I've given perch to are reluctant to try the fish—I guess because they never heard of it—but once they have eaten it they pester me for more. White perch—definitely an unexploited marine resource on Long Island.



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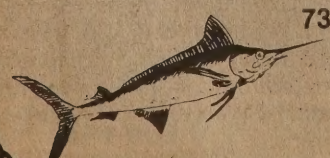

THE OTHER L.I. FRESHWATER FISH

BY FRED GUARDINEER

BLACK BASS & TROUT GET MOST OF THE PUBLICITY WHERE L.I. FRESHWATER FISHING IS CONCERNED, BUT THEY ARE NOT THE ONLY SPECIES. LESS GLAMOROUS ARE PERCH, BULLHEADS, PICKEREL AND OTHERS WHICH ARE FUN TO CATCH AND GOOD TO EAT. MOST ALL TAKE GARDEN WORMS.

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

John Keller at **Lake Montauk Marina** reports excellent fluke and blue fishing. Striped bass fishing has been spotty. Offshore fishing saw three swordfish taken on rod and reel and another harpooned.

Larry Keller of the **Jean Three** had a giant tuna on a light rig which was stripped of line by this big fish.

Dick Rade of the **Marlin III** was fishing Cox's Ledge on the weekend. The cod fish there are running from 10 to 40 pounds. They always have at least a dozen fish between 30 and 50 pounds each day. The Block Island fishing should improve with the new moon tides said Dick and if they get the proper drifting conditions they should clean up.

The **Hel-Cat** has been picking up their "bonus" fish this week. These are striped bass that take the bait intended for the bluefish. These fish can range from schoolies on up to 20 oe 30 pound biggies. Blue fishing from the Hel-Cat is sure fire as they locate the schools of fish on sonar and you drop your hook right into the fish.

Capt. George Mc Turck of the **Sportfisher** said he has made out pretty good. This past weekend he found the striped bass at Shagwong or The Point. No great quantities of fish were found but enough to keep you moving. He had a couple of forty pounders.

Capt. Charles Nappi of the **Sea Witch II** put another trophy in among his many awards. This weekend he won first place and runner up in the women's shark division of Montauk Marine's Tournament. His wife Laurie Nappi won the first place with a 173 pound mako caught on a Harnell rod with a Penn 9/0 reel and 80 lb. test line. The runner up fish was a 150 pound blue shark.

Steve, John and Frank of Brooklyn with 3 of the 42 cod and pollack between 15 and 50 pounds at Block Island aboard the Marlin III out of Montauk.

The charterboat **Fish Tales** has been bluefishing between the Point and the Midway buoy. They were all of a good eating size. The striped bass fishing seems to have faded.

Capt. Howie Carroll of the **Jigger III** has been coming in with plenty of fluke. These fish are in good quantities and five to seven pound fish are quite common.

Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** said the surf fishing is concentrated on the north side of The Point by Shagwong Point. The fishing is best primarily at night and you have to work for them. The striped bass are mostly schoolies while the weaks are from three to six pounds.

Henry Colombi at **Star Island** reports terrific offshore shark and big game fishing. Saturday was blown out by the high winds but Sunday saw many makos and other shark come in. **The Way Out** had four makos on Saturday and one on Sunday that went 215 pounds. The hammerhead and blue sharks that were caught were all tagged and released. The boat **Kahana** from Connecticut baited a swordfish and fought it for three and a half hours with a 30 pound test outfit. When they brought it to the boat and gaffed it, the gaff broke and the fish was lost. The estimated weight was about 200 pounds.

Capt. John Sweetman of the **Ebb Tide** has been coming in every week with a cockpit full of fluke. This Sunday it was 99 fluke.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper** started porgy and sea bass fishing this Thursday and did well. Friday and Saturday was blown out but Sunday took an upswing with the clearing water.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand at the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said the porgies are in solid and are close by. These fish are about one half to two pounds. Some fluke are being caught at Cartwright Island and buoy 2. Weakfish and blues are in and out as well as up and down. The weakfish are generally beneath the blue fish and go from two to seven pounds with a three pound average. The blues can be found either on the top or bottom and go from one to ten pounds.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports that on Saturday, Dan Mellas, Pat Lesue & Ed Meith from Jim Flynn's Sportsman Club fished off the Monastery and got 29 weaks to 3 lbs. on squid. 3 N.J. fishermen boated over 100 porgies on sandworms and 3 more anglers from the Garden State took 40 weaks on squid. All at the Monastery.

Charles Edinger, his son Paul and Larry Baratelli caught these striped bass 20 to 30 lbs. fishing at night on the Charterboat Hurry Up out of Montauk in the Pollack Rip. 7/ 4/ 74.

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Caught aboard the Viking Star fishing Coxe's Ledge:
Left, R. Brooks, N.Y.C. with a 49 lb. cod; center, Jerry Fuller, Amityville, N.Y. with a 31 lb. pollack and John Hajek, Bayside, N.Y. with a 50 lb. cod.

SHINNECOCK

Hank Altenkirch at **Altenkirch Tackle** reports very good offshore fishing for swordfish, white marlin and football size tuna to 30 pounds. **The Happy Hooker, Coran and the Valjean** all had white marlin while the Happy Hooker had a swordfish of 150 pounds. All there were caught at the Butterfish Hole. The tune along with several white marlins were caught in 125-130 feet of water. For the beach pounders the outlook was so-so with only bluefish to 12 pounds taken on lures and very little striped bass action.

The Capt. Clark boats both have had very good fishing. This past week has shown even more improvement in the weakfishing along with excellent porgy fishing. The **Capt. Clark I** had a pool winner, John Hamn of Brooklyn who had 41 porgies and nine weakfish. The pool weak was five and a half pounds. The **Capt. Clark II** had 120 weaks for 18 people with loads of porgies.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reports an upsurge in fluke fishing. More fish are being caught. These fish are from one to three pounds with fewer throwbacks. A pleasant surprise was the flounders which are being caught north of buoy 21. They are nice and fat.

Frank Muller at **Frank's Fishing Station** said the fluke fishing is very good in the Inlet, East Channel and alongside Werner's Island. Sand eels and line killies are best.

MORICHES BAY

Chet at **B & B Tackle** said the off-

Here's David Dorf displaying the first "Bonus Fish" of the Hel-Cat bluefish season. This 21½ pounds striped bass was caught along with blues in the Race.

shore fishing action is fantastic. Tuna of ten to 12 pounds are being caught on black and white or red and white feathers. An occasional 20 to 30 pound tuna can also be had. The fish are in 95 to 120 feet of water. Further out in 160 to 180 feet there are quite a few swordfish being caught—also a few white marlin. Beach action reports are few but plenty of fishermen are looking for line eels so draw your own conclusion.

Romona Seifert at **Sily Lily** said fluke fishing is good. The dredge has gone from the area and the rip near buoys 38 and 39 is producing good quantities of fluke. Sam Muldafe of Roslyn Heights had 15 fluke all by himself on Saturday. The fish went to five pounds, being caught on killies and squid.

Al Lassen at **Hi-Way Fishing Station** said the South Shore Fishing Club's Tuna Tournament saw loads of tuna of about ten pounds come in. Flounder are still being caught and are nice and fat. Fluke continues its upswing as shown by a nine pound 13 ounce fluke caught by 11-year-old Pat Wallace, Jr. of Ringwood, New Jersey who fished with his father from a rental boat. They also had 42 other fluke. Bluefish are on the outside and are plentiful.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports fluke between buoys 24 and 26. Crabs are coming along pretty good. The bridge and buoy 21 seem the best spots. Loads of snoppers being caught on shiners. People are coming in with 25 to 30 of them.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dick Yonda at **American Sportsman Shop** says there are school weaks at Brown's River and buoys 4 & 5 at Heckscher. The fluke are at Heckscher and off Ocean Beach. Bluefish being trolled with surge tubes and chummed and baited with butterfish. This action is at the Lighthouse and Dickerson's Channel buoy 2.

Dennis Masterson of **South Bay Fishing Station** said the weakfish were Southwest of buoy 30, taking a bead on Water Island go about a mile. The

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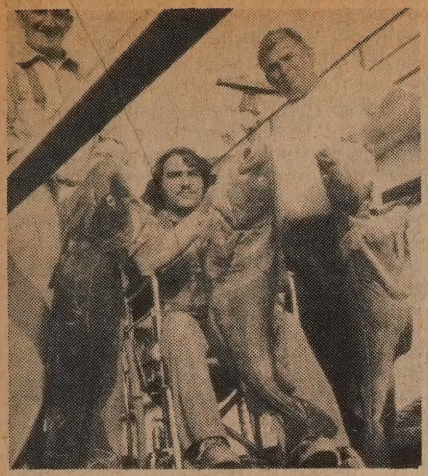
Some of the 43 fluke caught on the Capt. Spider by James Pasquale of Riverhead, L.I., N.Y. and Billy Saputo of Wading River, L.I. The fish went from 2 lbs. to 7¾ lbs.



Taken at Coxe's Ledge aboard the Peconic Queen II: Gus Baldessi, right, 41-lb. cod; Ben Aumenta, center, 40-lb. cod; Steve Rychlick, left, 42-lb. cod.

weaks were straight down—just drop a piece of squid to the bottom. Summer residents, Mr. & Mrs. John Bucalo on their first trip of the year had well over 90 weakfish from 1½ to 3 pounds. Buoys 4 & 5 at Heckscher hold a variety of fish from fluke to sea bass.

Sandy Young at **Young's Fishing Station** in Sayville had an International week there with people from Holland and Japan taking out their boats. The party from Holland had weaks and fluke at buoy 29 but nothing to write home about. Mr. Iwaosaski Illzuka and friends caught a load of weakfish using the Salty Dog with squid.

CAPTREE

Capt. Hubert of the **Speedy V** had an excellent weekend bluefishing. They are fishing only an hour from the dock. Everyone gets fish with some catches going to 15 or more. Most of these are six to ten pound blues.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** took the publisher's son, Rich Reina, Jr. and his friend Louis Zarrella out on Wednesday. These two boys, one 16 and the other 12, had over ten fish between them. They lost over twenty due to not sharpening their hooks. Everyone came off the boat carrying fish from four to 14 pounds. These fish were all jigged and close by.

Capt. Swanson II has been working the Inlet for fluke. Plenty of two and three pound fish with some bigger coming in with them.

Carl Bauer of the **Capt. Whittaker** said they fished off the beach on the outside this Sunday. He had a load of fluke which was generally larger than the fluke on the inside. They had several that went over seven pounds. Sea bass were mixed with the fluke and ran from one to 2½ pounds. The average fluke catch was three or four plus six or eight sea bass.

BABYLON

"Plenty of fluke around," reports Charlie of **Charlie's Fishing Station.** Best areas are off Bergen's Point and Eastwest Channel. Weakfish are being taken in the same area on hi-lo rigs baited with squid strips. Plenty of big crabs all over the bay.

Mario Verdillo of the **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** said that Clem Grammar and his two sons rented a skiff and took 30 weakfish 2-3 pounds. They fished Snakehill Channel with colored plastic worms with a strip of squid. Local Matt Haley went out by the fish traps southeast of the Inlet and caught nine bluefish in the 10-pound category and one 5-lb. bonito. Matt trolled bunker spoons, but said he had his best results by slowly trolling frozen smelt.

Jean Principe of **Augie's Bait & Tackle** said they they are taking snappers and plenty of blue claw crabs off the Babylon Town Dock. Fluke are in the inlet and large weakfish up to 11 pounds were taken on pink shrimp and squid in West Channel.

Mick Derricco, member of BTC, took a 48-lb. 12 oz. white marlin aboard his boat the **"Guaglio".** The fish was entered in the South Shore Marlin Tournament.

LINDENHURST

John Schaeffer of **Charlie's Bait & Tackle** said that crabs are all over the place. There's a "big blue bonanza" taking place right outside the inlet. Umbrella rigs are taking tackle-busting bluefish 8 to 12 lbs., all you want. John said just go out to the Whistle Buoy and make a one mile circle south until you come back to the buoy. The charterboat **"Charlie's Bait"** out of Lindenhurst used this method Thursday morning and loaded up with big blues. Fishermen fishing the surf at Democratic Point with live eels and Hopkins Friday and Saturday morning

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fountain having a good time catching blues aboard the Charterboat "Lucky Strike" in Shinnecock. The blues were 8-13 lbs.

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Bob Hauck and Max caught 47 fluke on killies and squid in Shinnecock Bay. They went out from Tony's Fishing Station, Hampton Bays.

also took all the big bluefish they wanted. Mr. Thorn of Amityville weighed in a 40 lb. 6 oz. bass he took Saturday morning around dawn on a live eel from the surf at Gilgo Beach. There's good fluking in the inlet, but forget about fluke on the inside. The grass is so thick you need a lawnmower to get a bait down. Plenty of tuna 12 to 50 pounds are being trolled on red and white feathers in 125 feet of water at 120 degrees 25-30 miles out of the inlet. White Marlin were also spotted in the same area.

Capt. Bob Bryand of the charterboat **Shotgun Two**, over the weekend, loaded up on school tuna and in addition, took a 49½ lb. white marlin on mullet in 200' of water S/E of the inlet.

AMITYVILLE

Jona's Bait & Tackle reports good all around fishing. Weakfish at the Copiague Hole is good with one angler taking 60 fish from one to two and a half pounds. Snapper blues of one to one and a half pounds are in the bay while if you go outside you can slug it out with big ones from six to 12 pounds. Plenty of fluke at the inlet from keepers to doormats.

Several members of the Amity Harbor Fishing Club caught 25 tuna up to 23 pounds. They were fishing in approximately 120 feet of water.

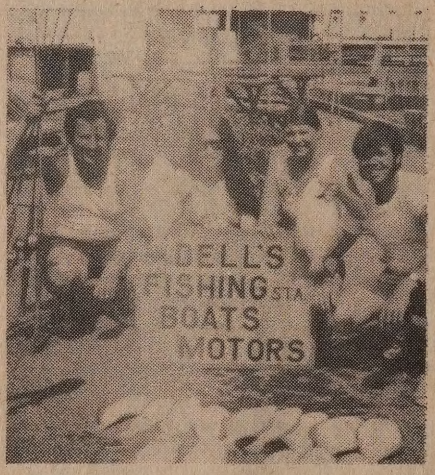
SEAFORD

Lon Wauser Jr. reports tuna at the Mudhole and sharks at the H.A. buoy. Weakfish are making a strong comeback. The Amityville Cut and the third Wantagh Bridge have both given up plenty of 2½ to 3 pound weaks to Lupo Shrimp Lures. Snappers are showing up and are small. The surf has yielded some striped bass from schoolies to 50 pounds. These are practically all nightime fish.

Pop's Fishing Station had an angler weigh in a 13 pound weakfish he caught at the Four Corners. There also quite a few weaks of two and three pounds there according to Pop's. Fluke fishing is fantastic with live killies bringing in fish of three to five pounds.

WANTAGH

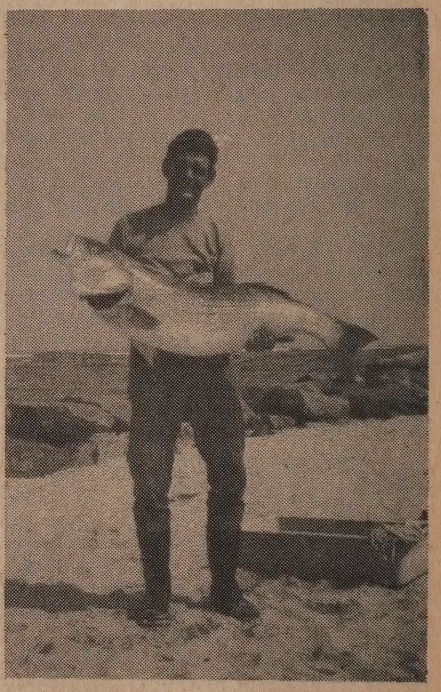
Frank at **Causeway Tackle** said snapper fishing is good. Adrian and Michele Sanchez along with Pat Falan, Debbie Fanning and Debbie De Maio fished in Wantagh Park and had 50 snappers on spearing. Fluke fishing is holding up well. The edges of the Channels at low tide and the flats at high tide are where the fluke are being caught. Bass fishing with live eels in the late P.M., night or early A.M. have all brought in striped bass mostly in the ten to 20 pound size. Weakfishing is improving although it is still spotty. Flounders can still be had at the piers and good sized fish along with decent catches keep the anglers coming back.



Don and Julie Schmidt, Chris Ramberg and Chris Raedy, Jr. with some of the 34 fluke they took west of the second bridge by Hauwn's Creek. Photo courtesy of Dell's Fishing Station, Seaford.

MERRICK

Jim Baulukos at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports good fluking at Broad Creek as well as the Golf Course and Merrick Point. On Saturday **The Mar-Jon** had 28 tuna all about 15 pounds along with six skipjack of five or six pounds. These were taken in 115 feet of water 140 degrees out of Jones Inlet. On Saturday the bluefish trolling was dead but it really opened up on Sunday.



Charles Veitch holds the 50 lb. 4 oz. striped bass he took in the surf at Smith's Point in Shirley on live bait. Charlie is President of the Great South Beach Mobile Sportfishermen.

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Johnny A., skipper of **Capt. Jack VI** reports fair-good fluking at the Inlet and beyond and at the Outfall Pipe. John says the fluke are feasting on 3-4" tinker mackerel.

Capt. Lou II reports fair-good fluke action outside Jones Inlet on incoming tide. Biggest this past week, 4½ lbs.

Aloma II has been doing very good on the blues, days and nights. Capt. Spider Schmidt says the fish, 4-12 lb. class are there and hungry. On Sunday, Spider had over 350 fish for 24 fares. Git on down while the fishing's hot!

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream** reports very good bluefishing which he's doing about 5 minutes off of Jones Inlet. Fish in the 6-12 lb. class.

Capt. Al Lindroth of the **"Capt. Al"** has been having very good bluefishing, days and nites, latest hot spot being the Three Sisters wreck.

The **Sea Hunter** is now running open Friday and Saturday nites for blues, limited to 15 men, for those interested.

Merrick C.P.A., Gordon Korn, who is also a budding angler, was elated over his catch of 15 big choppers the other night aboard the **Starstream II.** When asked how he liked cleaning 15 big blues at 3 in the A.M., he replied "I loved every minute of it".

Freeport Boatmen Assn. reports bluefishing picked up again Sunday after the weather on Friday and Saturday. The **Marie Three** had what is the first bonita reported to L.I.F. Blues ran 4-9 lbs. & all the Assn's boats fished S & S/W of Cholera. **"Mistress"** trolled 4 tuna to 20 lbs.

Some of The Fisherman's staff took a "busman's holiday" recently aboard Capt. Ronnie Lepper's charterboat "Kim." Holding three of the bass that went up to 27 pounds are (left to right) Glenn Voparil, Editor, Mike Zarrella, Distribution Manager, and Doc Muller, contributing writer. Publisher Rich Reina took the photograph.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. George Porter of the **"Brand X** reports red-hot bluefishing days and nights, with 25 fish an average catch, and individual catches running as high as 80 fish. Sizes 4-19 lbs. The fish are ranging 14-17 miles offshore.

The charterboat **Junior II** has had good catches of school tuna at the H.A. buoy.

ISLAND PARK

Beckmann's in Lynbrook reports that fluking is even better than last week. Larger fish are now in Reynolds Channel and the creeks. These fish run up to 4 lbs. and there are a lot of them. They are in 3-4 feet of water and are feeding on grass shrimp. Incoming tide is best. Standard baits are being used, with smelts being a hot item. There is good bluefishing offshore and stripers are there for the trollers, surfcasters and chummers.

The **Commodore** is enjoying good, steady fluke fishing off Riis Park, just outside East Rockaway Inlet. Crabs and weakfish can be found in the local creeks. Call the Commodore for details.

LONG BEACH

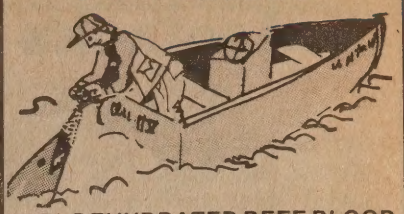
Jim at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported blues being trolled on red tubes at Buoy 4. Fluke fishing is still good and the fish are larger now. Squid and killies are deadly on incoming water. Crabs are being caught at the docks.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of **Henning's Fishing Station** reports that if you know how to fish, things couldn't be better. Fluke abound in all of Reynolds Channel. The average catch is 6-15 fish per skiff. If your rig permits, fishing outside the inlet along the beach for fluke is wildly productive. Squid, spearing and killies are the baits. Schoolies are being taken by the chummers at the bridge. Fresh whole or cut bunker are taking bass to 28 lbs. a bit offshore. Cholera is producing blues to 11 lbs. for trollers and chummers. Shark and football tuna are being taken at the H.A. Buoy.

Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** called in to report that bass fishing is very good off the Rockaways on bunker (if you can get some) and that these fish run from 10 to 50 lbs. Good numbers of Mako sharks are offshore and at the H.A. Buoy area. They run to 200 lbs. and up. Neil Meyer and Sal Darmetta took 21 weaks from 4-8 lbs. on Saturday fishing off the Rockaways. They were using pink Lupo Shrimp tipped with thin squid strips on 6 lb. test line.

Chum those SHARKS



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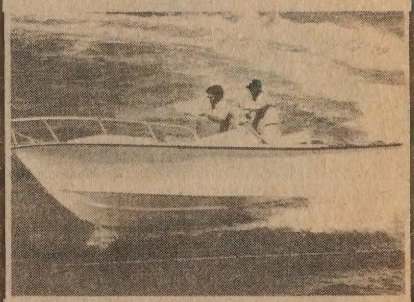

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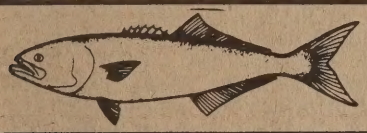

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Mrs. Noehren at **Noehren's Bait & Tackle** reports blue claw crabs, porgies and some snappers at the North Channel Bridge. Fluke are there also as well as at Riis Park and the Marine Parkway Bridge. The South Channel Bridge is producing some fluke and porgy action.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Jim of the **Amberjack IV** reports excellent bluefishing at the Farms. These fish go up to 14 lbs. The night trips are even better. Load up, guys! Have you seen the price of fish at the supermarkets?

Capt. Tony of the **Wahoo III** had 88 blues and 2 bass on Saturday jigging and trolling South Ambrose Channel. On Sunday, Tony's charter trolled 27 blues to 13 lbs.

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Capt. Tom Marconi of the **Pilot II** reports very good fluke and porgy catches. Friday, Saturday and Sunday nited, at 7 P.M., Tom is bluefishing.

George at the **Bay End Dock** says loads of stripers are there for trollers and chummers. Try bucktails and tubes. Where? Anywhere from the Round House to the jetty to the Verrazano Bridge. Clam and sandworms are connecting on the botom. Fluke remains a steady item in all the flats. The hot spot is Plum Beach. Scattered catches of weaks are being made on high rigged squid. Big blues are at Norton's Point in the evening and are being taken by any method.

Joe Salvo at **Salvo's Bait & Tackle** reports fantastic fishing. Snappers, porgies and lafayettes from the C.I. Pier to V. Br. Blues, weaks 8-10 lbs. and stripers are being trolled on Bingle tubes and umbrella rigs, from V. Br. to Sandy Hook & Norton's Pt. A really hot number is jigging blues, evening and early morning in Norton's Pt/V. Br./Hoffman Island areas. A 22 lb. blue was taken off the wall right under the V. Br. by a young Brooklyn angler, on bunker backs.

STATEN ISLAND

Lennie at **Santo's Sport Shop** reports blues along the surf from V. Br.

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Great Kills Park for fluke and sand porgies off jetty. Small blue claw crabs in the Harbor, but a lot.

Annadale/Princess Bay giving forth fluke and weaks for surf-casters. Buoy 4 drifting worms producing weaks to 4 lbs. Bucktail trollers also connecting. From Princess Bay to Mt. Loretta, troll Bingle Bananas and tubes, advises Lennie. School bass at W. Bank lighthouse.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Very good bluefishing at the Race, Pigeon Rip and Plum Gut says **Art White's Bait Shop.** Some stripers are being taken at Plum Gut. Big porgies are being taken at east side of Gardiner's Island at Green Hills. Fluke in quantity are also being taken from this same area. Surf fishermen are taking porgies from Clark's Beach. Good blackfishing is in the Sound.

The Wilheric open boat has been taking hundreds and hundreds of big porgies every time it has gone out. These fish are really in solid.

SOUTHOLD

Bill Lieblein at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** said that over the weekend they had over 100 boats out. About 10% had over 100 porgies and 40% had over 50 fish while the rest all made good. Those fishermen who fished with either clam or bunker chum invariably had the larger catches. The fast water at South Ferry along with buoys 16, 17 and 18 are all producing porgies of a pound and better. Weakfish are on and off while the snappers have disappeared.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue said there were plenty of porgies and weaks being taken on worms and clams on Saturday. Sunday saw a decline in this fishing possibly because of the boat traffic. Snapper blues are falling for small spoons.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Sardine size snappers are being caught on very small spearing says **Dick's Sporting Goods.** Fluke of 15 inches and smaller were caught both inside and outside the Harbor and drifting along White Beach with spearing. Dick went out bluefishing but the one he caught was snapper size so he threw it back.

Queensland Cove Tackle Shop said there are porgies off Cedar Beach. Rocky Point beach has some kings and weakfish. Some blues trolled at buoys 9 and 11.

Ralph's Fishing Station said there is good porgy fishing near the breakwater. Danny May caught a four pound tilefish on a worm while porgy fishing. Some weaks are mixed with the porgies. Blacks at Miller Place Rock but green crabs are a must.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** is steady on the blues, and on Wednesday Ken Furdler & Tom Nava split the pool, with 10 pound fish each. Saturday and Sunday were off due to weather. Capt. John will be sailing open, nights at 7:30 P.M., starting 8-1-74.

Charlie Caraftis at **Caraftis Bros. Fishing Station** said porgy fishing was good on Friday and Saturday at Old Field Point. On Sunday the blues chased these fish into the harbor where some boats had over 50. Further west from Crane Neck Point to the Lilco stacks in Northport there are ten pound blues being trolled among the lobster pots.

NORTHPORT

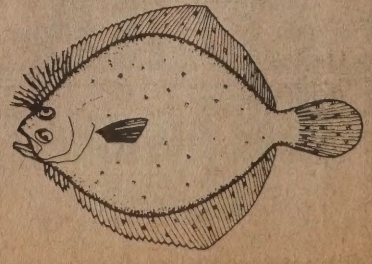
Jennie Three reports shark were shy on Sunday, but his 4-man charter loaded up on blues at Cholera, 8-10 lb. class fish.

Ted Bowman's Tackle Shop said that although the stripers are still being caught the high of the past few weeks has declined. In their place are plenty of bluefish both in the Harbor and out in the Sound. Snappers of six inches are being caught close to shore while the deeper waters has them of 12 inches. Weakfish off Duck Island and the deep hole at the mouth of Centerport Harbor.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the **Ever-ready Fleet** was beside himself with excitement over the unbelievably fantastic bluefishing on his 3 AM/7AM trip. Only 15 minutes from the dock, Don's fares were into "giant blues, 11 lbs. & up". "The waters were boiling with baitfish and ravaging blues" yelled Capt. Don. This looks like a program that will really catch on. Don plans to start Monday and Wednesday eve. 7/11 P.M. blue trips soon, too. Watch his ad for details.

George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** said the bass fishing slowed



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	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGEPORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
7/25 THURSDAY	12:57	1:36	2:40	3:16	4:52	5:27	4:28	4:57
7/26 FRIDAY	1:51	2:29	3:43	4:17	6:06	6:34	5:28	5:56
7/27 SATURDAY	2:48	3:25	4:49	5:20	7:16	7:41	6:29	6:55
7/28 SUNDAY	3:47	4:25	5:54	6:19	8:20	8:41	7:32	7:54
7/29 MONDAY	4:50	5:25	6:54	7:12	9:16	9:35	8:31	8:50
7/30 TUESDAY	5:51	6:16	7:47	7:59	10:11	10:25	9:26	9:42
7/31 WEDNESDAY	6:44	7:02	8:30	8:39	10:58	11:10	10:15	10:28
8/1 THURSDAY	7:27	7:42	9:09	9:17	11:39	11:48	10:59	11:11

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunck Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet.Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
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7-19	7-26	8-3	8-11
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

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at Target Rock but remains consistent for the clam chummers at Eatons Neck.
Blues have taken over at Target Rock & Marshall Field. Huntington and Lloyd's Harbor also have blues. All these spots are giving up 8 to 12 pound blues to live bunker or chunks.

GLEN COVE

John Cocciala at **Glen Cove Sports** said the blues are being deep trolled with wire line and John Sekora big tubes. Some are also being taken on bunker and both live and chunk. Worm trollers are picking up bass from Maxwell's to Peacock Point.

CITY ISLAND

John Palmieri of **John's Gun & Tackle** said bluefish are all over. They are being trolled from the Stepping Stones on out into the Sound. Lupo Action Eels on wire line is the best bet. The New Rochelle area has produced striped bass from schoolies to over 20 pounds. The early A.M. and late P.M. with popping plugs and throughout the night with live bunker or bunker or mackerel chunks are working also. Huckleberry and Harts Island, Fort Slocum and No-Nations are all producing fish on bait. Some bass of 30 to 40 pounds have been reported by reliable sources.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

WESTHAVEN

Season's Bait & Tackle reports big blues off the beaches on plugs. Fish are averaging 12-15 pounds. Bass have slowed, fluke are good off the beach.

NEW HAVEN

Outdoor Sports reports blues at Savin Rock mornings and evenings. Stripers have busted wide open, school fish on trolled sandworms, larger fish on plugs.

NEW ROCHELLE

Cameron's Boats reports big bass on bunker. Blues are thick near shore, bunker again.

MAMARONECK

Mamaroneck Fishing Station repeats last week's news of the excellent run of bass. Bluefish are in close. Bunker are prevalent providing plenty of bait.

WHITE PLAINS

Maletown tells of blues and bass in the area hitting bait and big plugs. Plugs should be trolled, try just outside the harbor.

PORTCHESTER

Santoro's Boats says the blues and bass are continuing in good numbers. Porgies and blacks are almost everywhere, flounder are active too.

GREENWICH

Sportsman's Den said a good number of bass are coming in on a daily basis. Bunker or mackerel are the best baits. Harbor blues are hitting trolled lures, and bottom fishing is good.

STAMFORD

Dasco Sport & Tackle tells of excellent bass fishing on wire-lined Smilin' Bills at the Stamford Cows. This technique accounted for a 44 pounder. Blues are mixed in. They are falling for jigs near Collanders.

Jack's Sporting Goods added that blues are active on the surface throughout the area.

NORWALK

Harbor blues are hitting from the shore of Calf Pasture Pier. Big bass on bunker around the area.

WESTPORT

Westport Tackle tells of local wire-liners taking bluefish from Crane's to Northport. The 3½ ounce Tri-Fin eel is still tops with the trollers.

Fish has been going as high as 15 pounds. Blues are being taken locally on bait but they are scattered.

BRIDGEPORT

Ted's Bait reports surface action for blues at Seaside Park. Twelve and 14 pounds is average. Trollers are doing well.

Cedar Creek Marina puts fluke in the headlines. Try Penfield, between the lighthouse and the first marker. Plenty of blacks and porgies are

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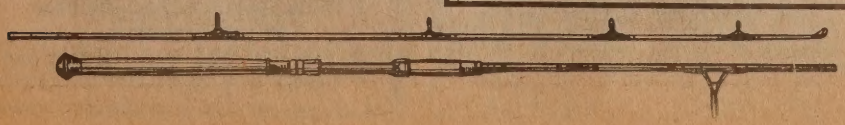

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NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

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Fluking is excellent at the tip of Sandyhook according to **Julian's Sport Shop.** Fluking is also good at the Leonardo Pier and Flynn's Knoll. A few bass are being taken on worms and popping plugs along the beach for surfcasters and boaters in the surf at the State Park. Blues are in and out on the Shrewsbury Rocks.

SEABRIGHT

Giglio's says there are fluke and stripers along the jetties. Snappers and fluke are plentiful along the Shrewsbury River.

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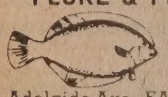

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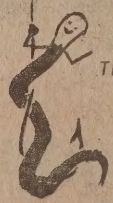

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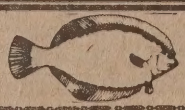

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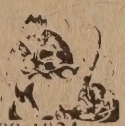

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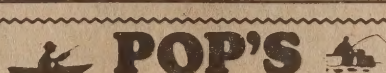

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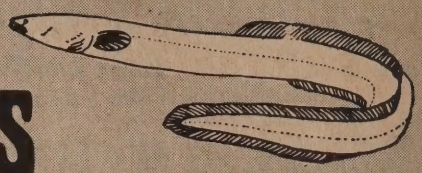

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environment, no living animals [and plants]. No living animals, no hunting and fishing. Sorry—that's where it's all at!

We think, Mr. Brady, that you should reread the article, then your letter, and give the entire matter of your accusations some very serious thought.

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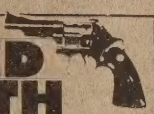

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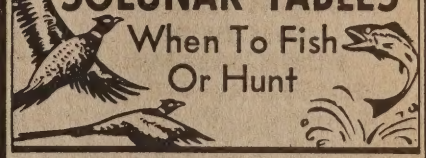

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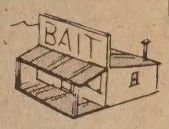

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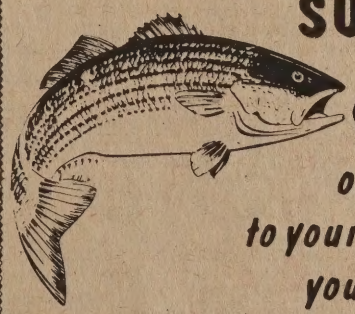

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